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ABC-C Website Address Change

Effective Sept. 5th, 2001, the ABC-C website address will change from <http://www.abc.army.mil> to <https://www.abc.army.mil>. This will allow Army personnel who are not coming from a .mil domain to be able to access our website. Due to the Red Worm virus, we must use secured socket layers (SSL). Simply type the letter “s” after http and you will be able to gain access to our site. The ABC-C portion of our website will still require 40-bit encryption. Please call the ABC-C automated line at 1-877-276-9287 or the SWCPOC Help Desk at (785) 239-2000 if you are experiencing any difficulties accessing this website.

Please be advised that a new log-on procedure has been implemented to allow access to the Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS) web application.

If you are a new user, you will need to create a Point of Entry (POE) account. Please ensure you are entering the correct information (SCD, civilian pay plan, grade, step, etc) to identify yourself as a user of this application. Additionally, please follow the guidance provided in creating your password. Your password must contain 8-10 characters, cannot match any portion of your SSN, and must contain at least 3 of the following 4 characters: an upper or a lower case letter, or a number, or a special character. Please review the examples that are provided on the POE “**Create Password**” screen.

If you are an existing user, your SSN will replace the “**User-ID**” field. The password previously created is valid. The email notification feature is not yet available when a successful or unsuccessful attempt to recreate or change your password has occurred.

If you have any problems creating your POE, please contact an ABC-C counselor at 1-877-276-9287 or call the Southwest Civilian Operations Center (SWCPOC) Help Desk at DSN 856-2000 or commercial 1-785-239-2000 during normal business hours for assistance. (Joyce Gwyn, HRO, (703) 428-6445) ICOM 2322)

Welcome/Farewell

Wayne Tharrington, Building Facilities Engineer is the newest arrival to TEC. Raymond Caputo joins TS-G on Sept. 9. Farewell to Denise LaDue, TO-T and Paulina Lintsai, TR-R. Denise is leaving TEC on Sept. 6 for a position with the Louisville District. Paulina is leaving on Sept. 7 for a position with the Software Engineering Center on Fort Belvoir.

Commander's Mailbox

ERDC team members are reminded that an electronic mailbox has been established to allow employees to send questions and/or comments to the Commander. If an employee wishes to remain anonymous, his or her name will be deleted from the question before it is forwarded to the Commander for comment. Employees' questions will be answered via return e-mail. Answers to anonymous and frequently asked questions will be posted in the Employee Information Bulletin.

The address in Outlook is, "ERDC Commander." Again, all information is kept strictly confidential and all questions are addressed directly by the Commander.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

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U N O F F I C I A L**Blood Drive**

The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Sept. 14 at the Casey Bldg. from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Rooms 140 A and B. If you would like to donate, contact Connie Dutton via Outlook. Walk-ins are welcome. (Connie Dutton, TEC Blood Drive Coordinator, ICOM 2209 or (703) 428-7425)